Nepal, Korea, Oman, Canada, Italy, Thailand, Kenya, Australia, Germany & Belgium for official business.

(c) It is not possible to compute total expenditure on sales promotion of each visit. Since it is under many heads and mixed with other items.

(d) Such sales promotion/business visits are necessary in the airlines industry, although it is not possible to quantify the benefits of each visit.

Air Accidents

2159. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *ALIAS* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air accidents which took place from 1st February, 1994 to 31st December, 1994;

(b) what is the number of people killed in these accidents;

(c) what amount was given for the dead and to the injured people;

(d) what are the details of losses suffered by Government by these accidents;

(e) what is the number of accidents, out of these accidents which occurred due to errors of employees; and

(f) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There were nine accidents to civil aircraft registered in India between 1-2-1994 and 31-12-94; of these five were fatal accidetns, in which 29 persons were killed.

(c) Provisions for payment of compensation to the dead and injured under the Carriage by Air Act, 1972 and notifications issued there under are not applicable in these cases since none of the deceased person was the passenger of scheduled flights.

(d) One aircraft belonging to Ministry of Environment and Forest was completely destroyed; one of the engines of an Indian Airlines aircraft was damaged and three aerobridges and parking bays at Delhi Airport were damaged.

(e) and (f) Investigation of 4 accidents have been completed and the investigation reports are under examination of the Government. Five accidents are under investigation.

Privatisation of ITDC Hotels

2160. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has invited foreign investments for use in important hotels of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to privatise important ITDC hotels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. But ITDC have invited bids for marketing and management tie-up for its six elite hotels, from leading international hotel chains operating globally.

(c) No, Sir.

Plans to attract Japanese Tourists in Orissa

2161. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a tremendous scope to attract Japanese tourists into Orissa;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government in that regard;

(c) the plan drawn up for the purpose; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government of India Tourist Office in Japan, publicises and promotes in the Japanese markets, tourist attractions of Orrisa and facilities available to Tourists in the State along with other Tourist destinations. Representatives of media from Japan are also invited by the Department of Tourism under its hospitality programme to visit Orissa from time to time, so as to promote Orissa through their respective medium.

(c) and (d) Publicity and promotion of vari-